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FIG. 1
Prior Art

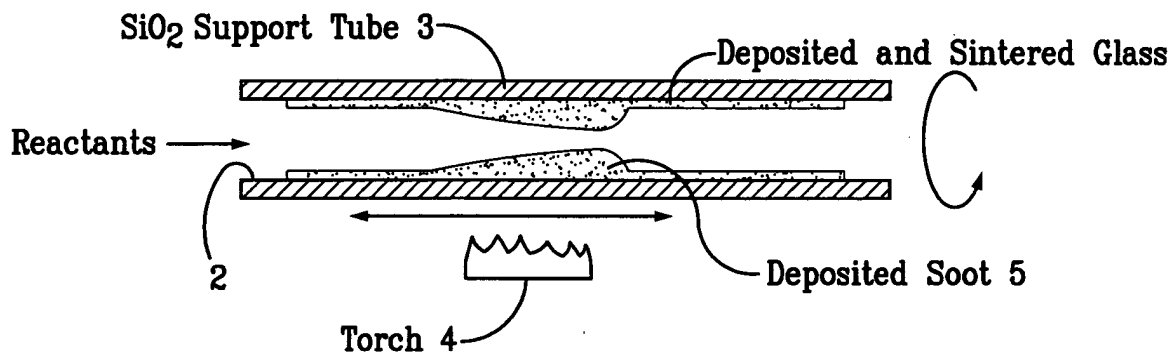


FIG. 2
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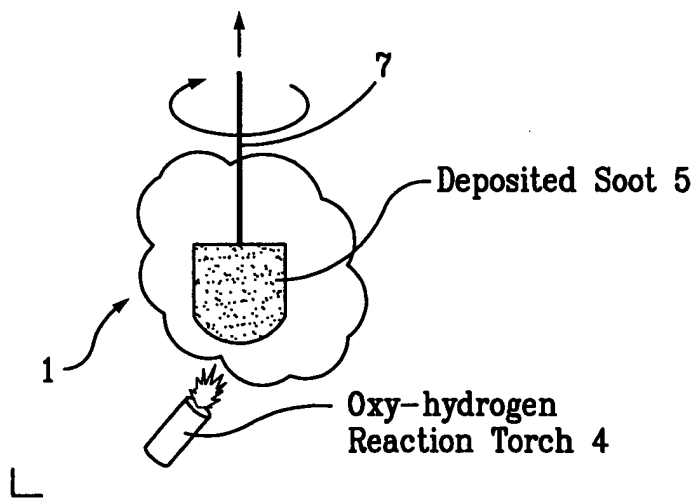
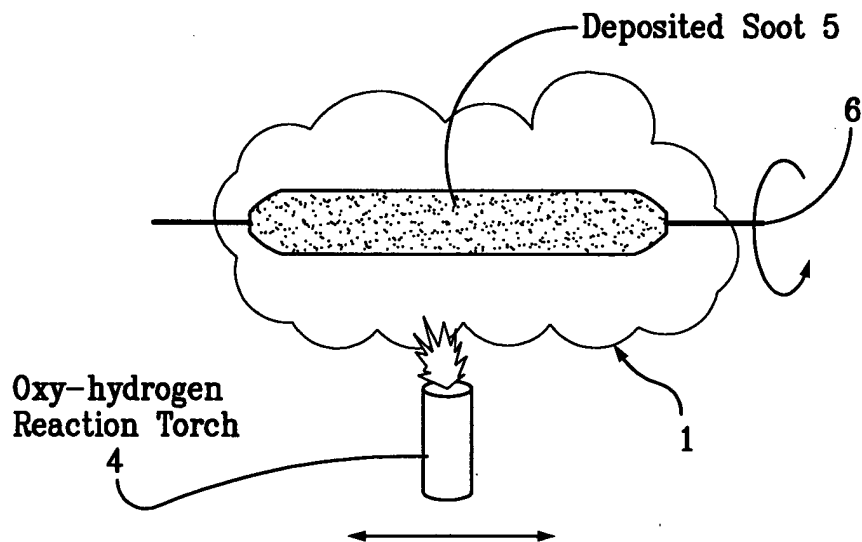
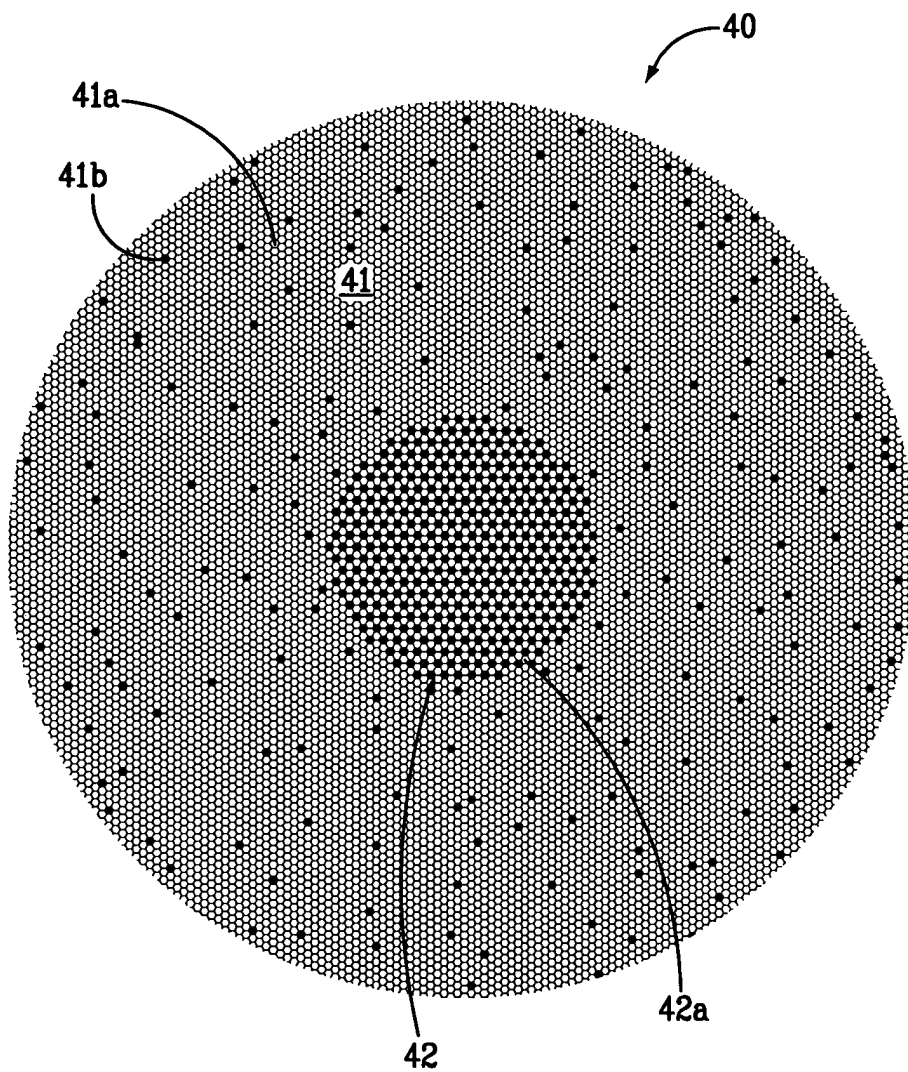


FIG. 3
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FIG. 4



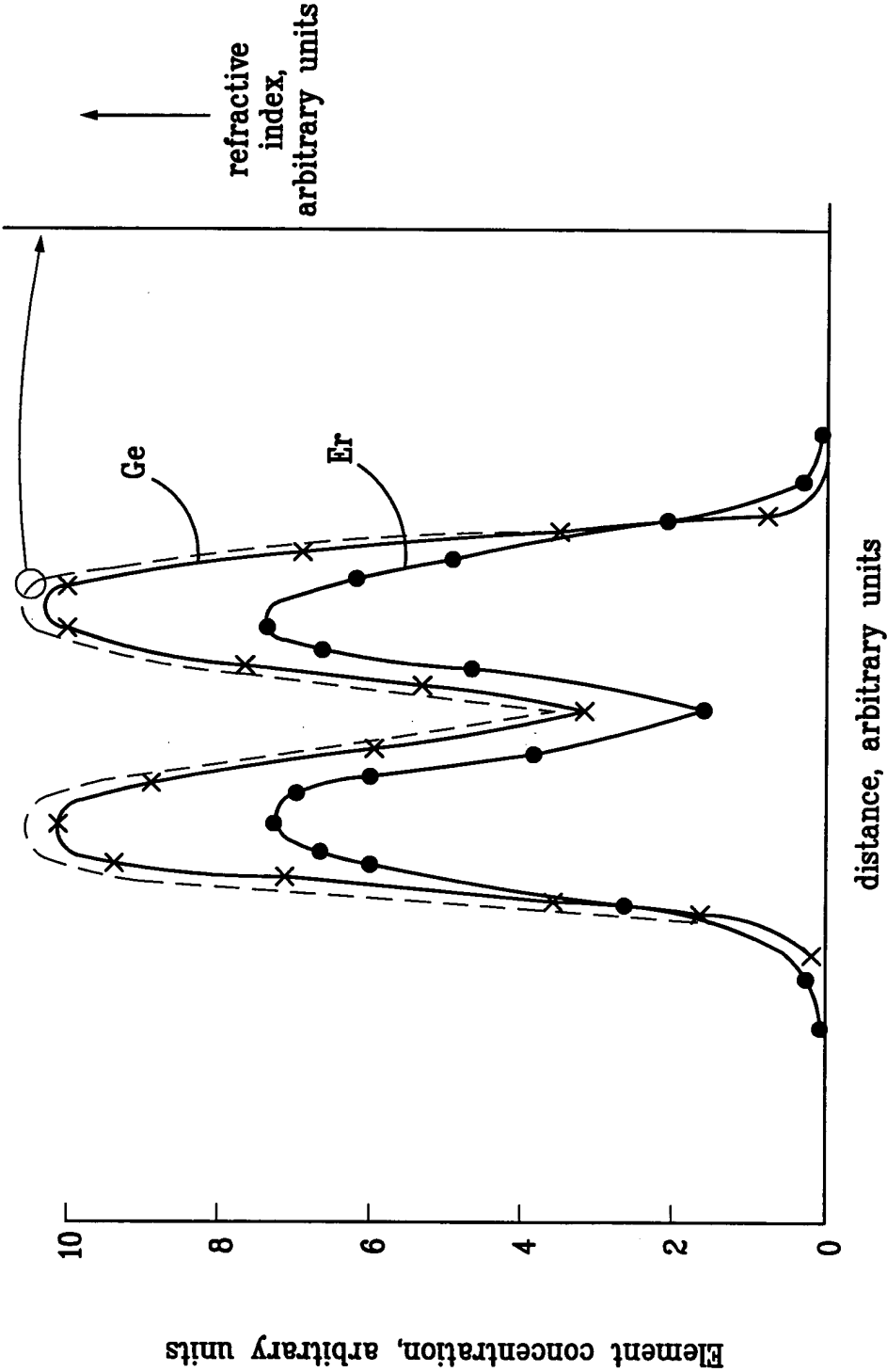
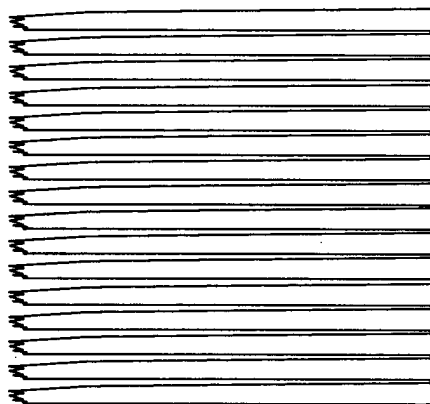


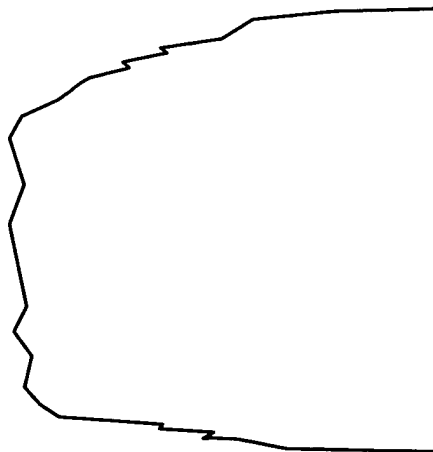
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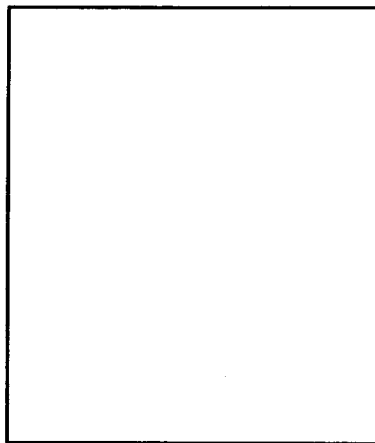
Index (or dopant) profile of
a group of such rods
bundled together.

FIG. 6B



Index (or dopant) of core or
cladding that has suffered
the effects of burnout.

FIG. 6A



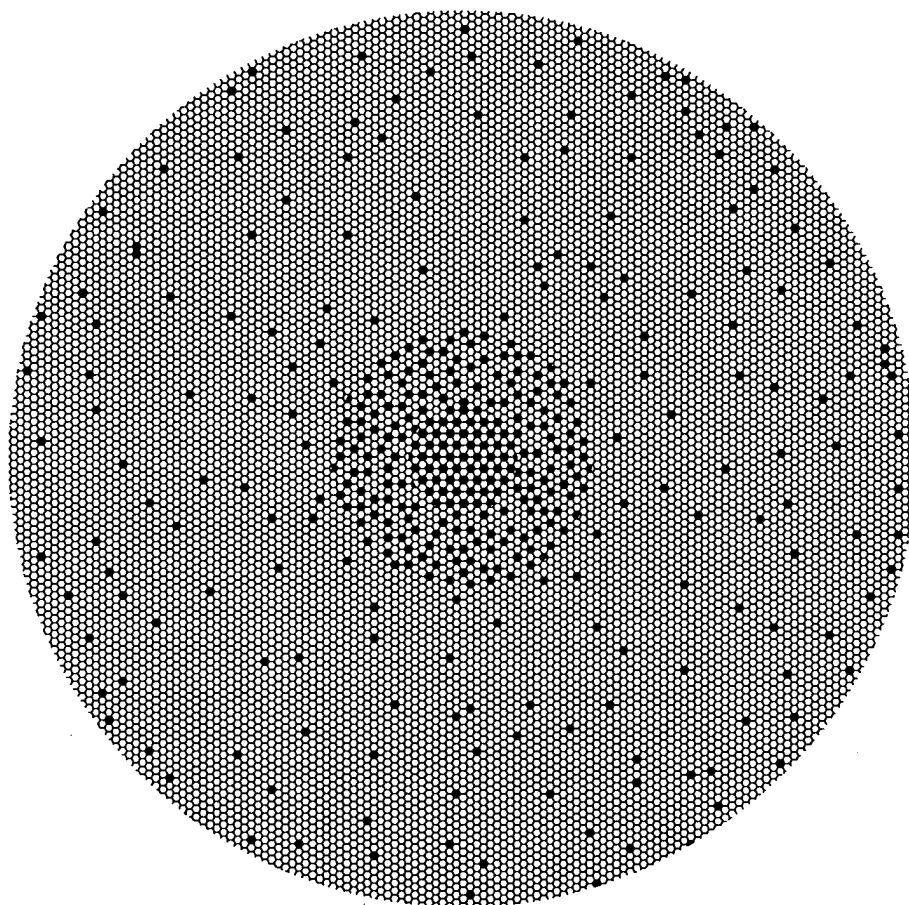
Effective index (or dopant)
profile seen by mode field in
fiber fabricated from such a
preform bundle.

FIG. 6C

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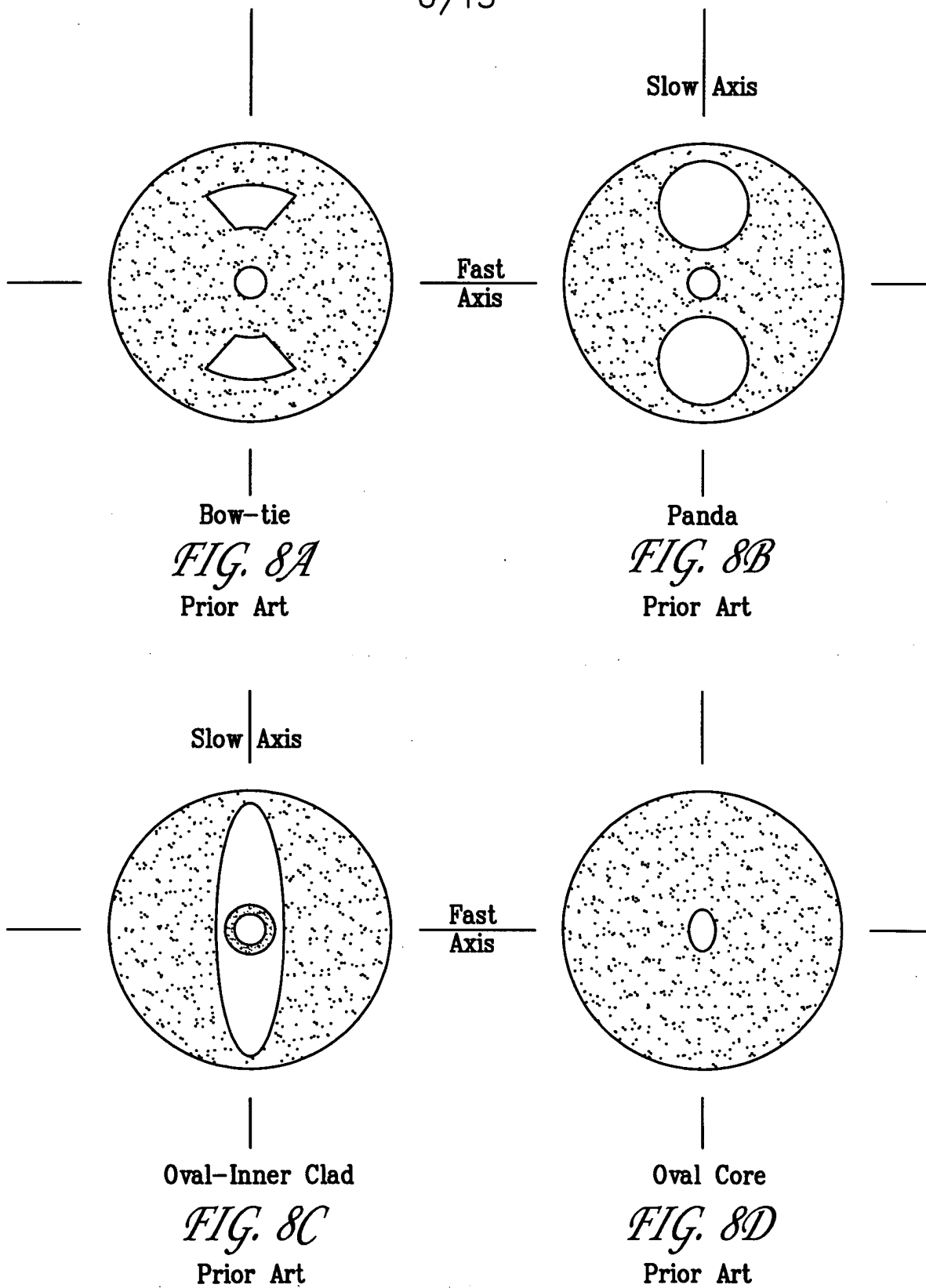
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FIG. 7



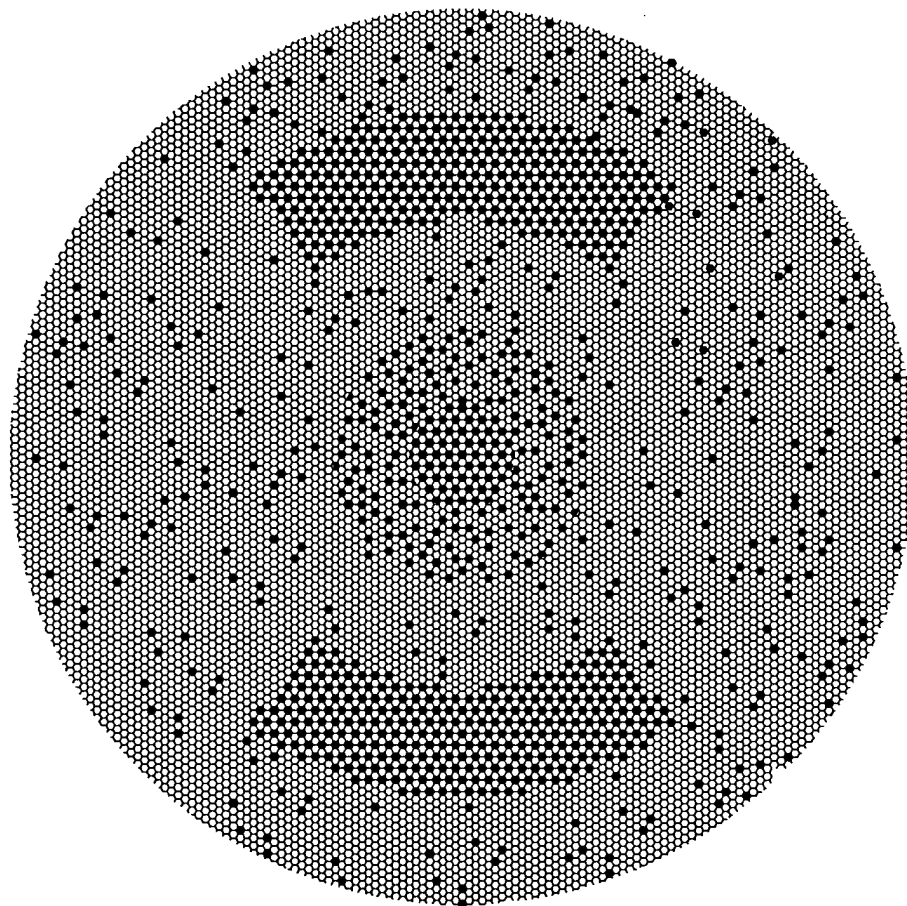
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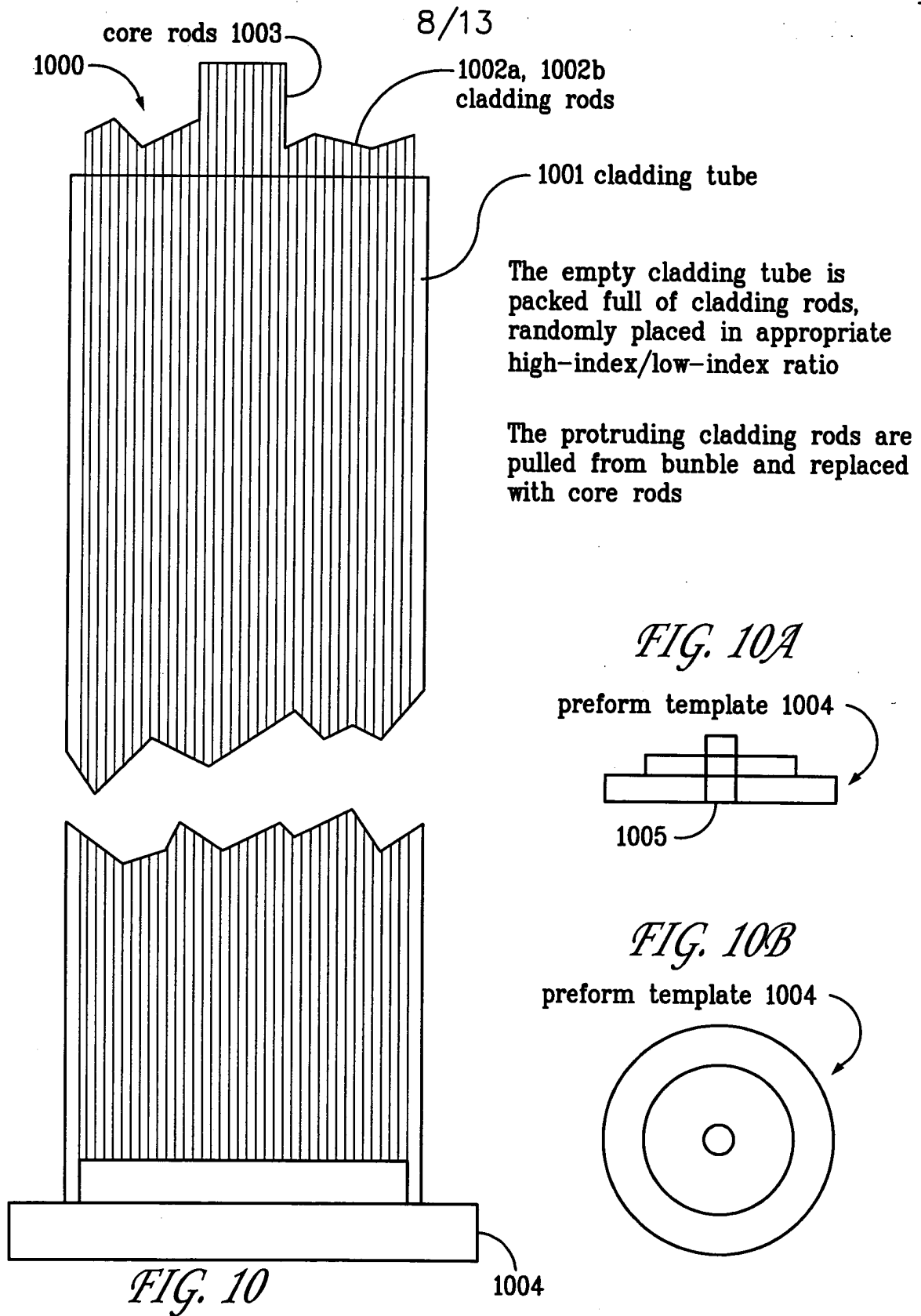


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FIG. 9

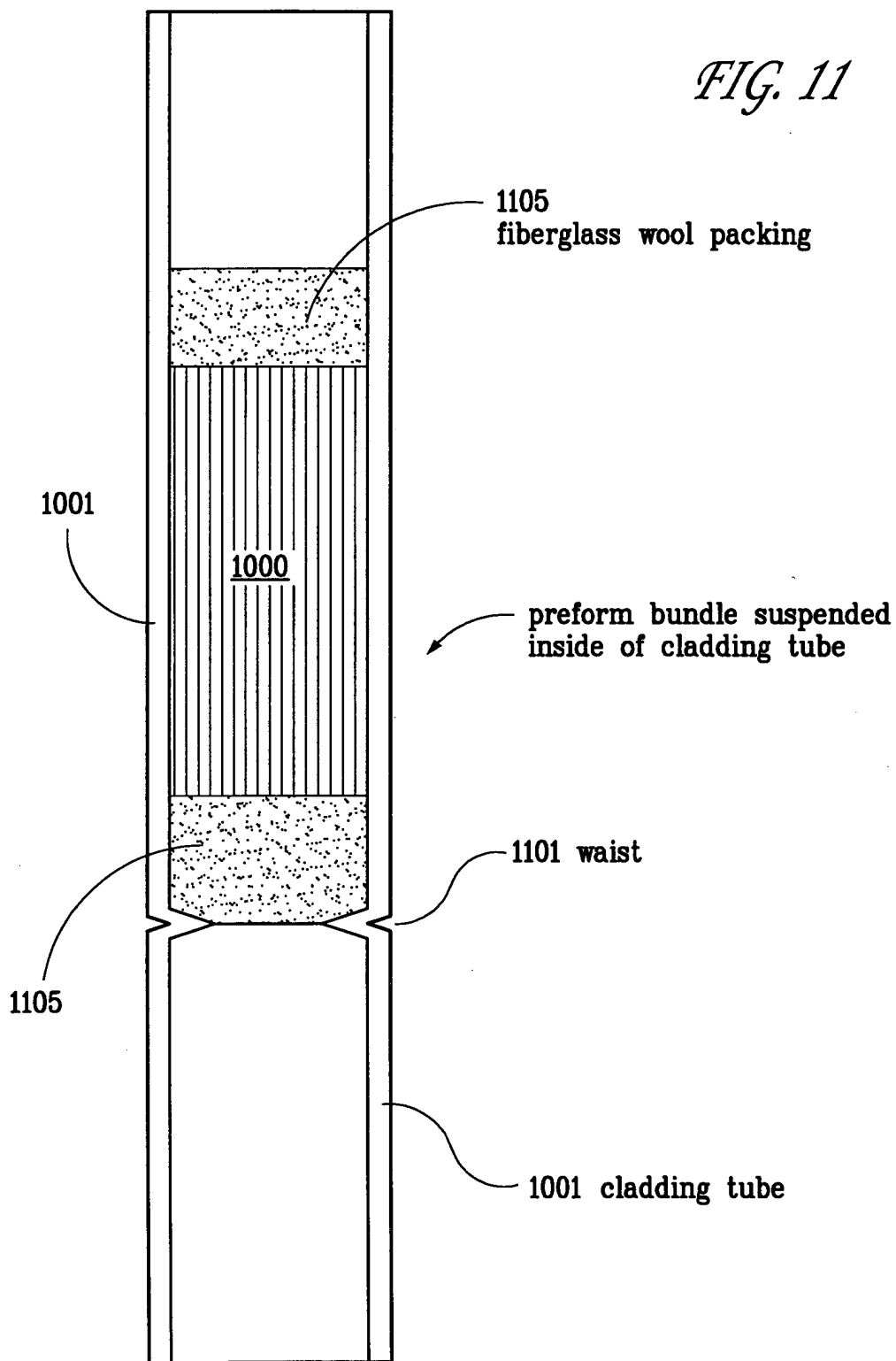


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FIG. 11



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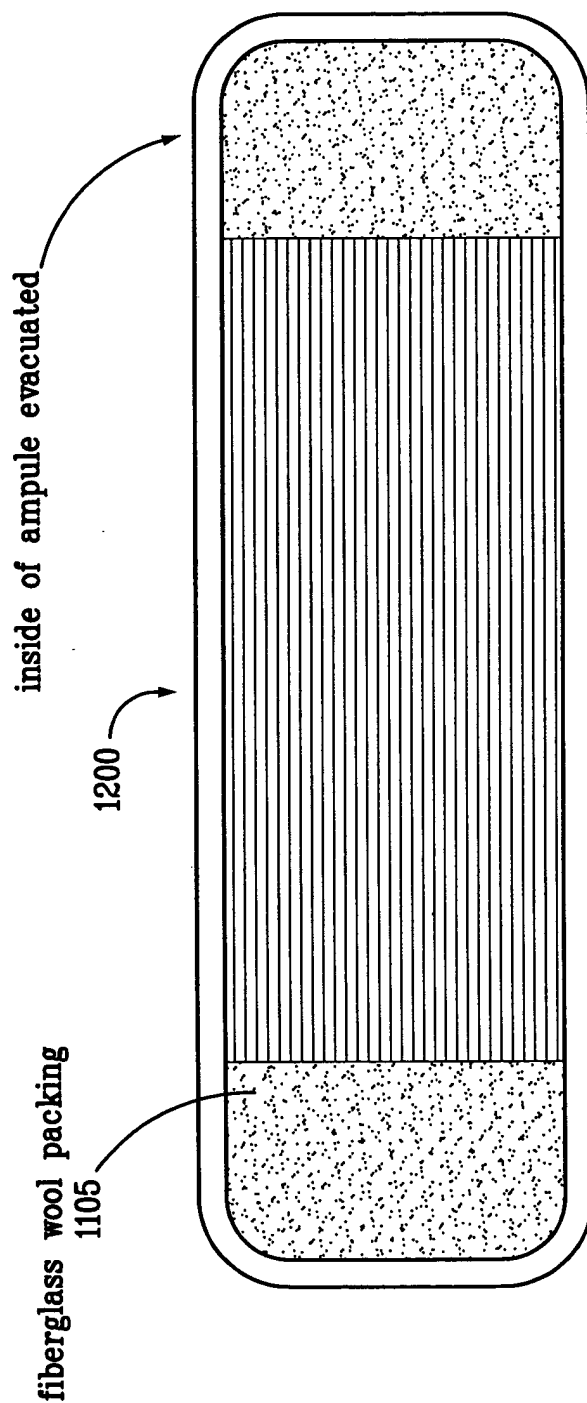
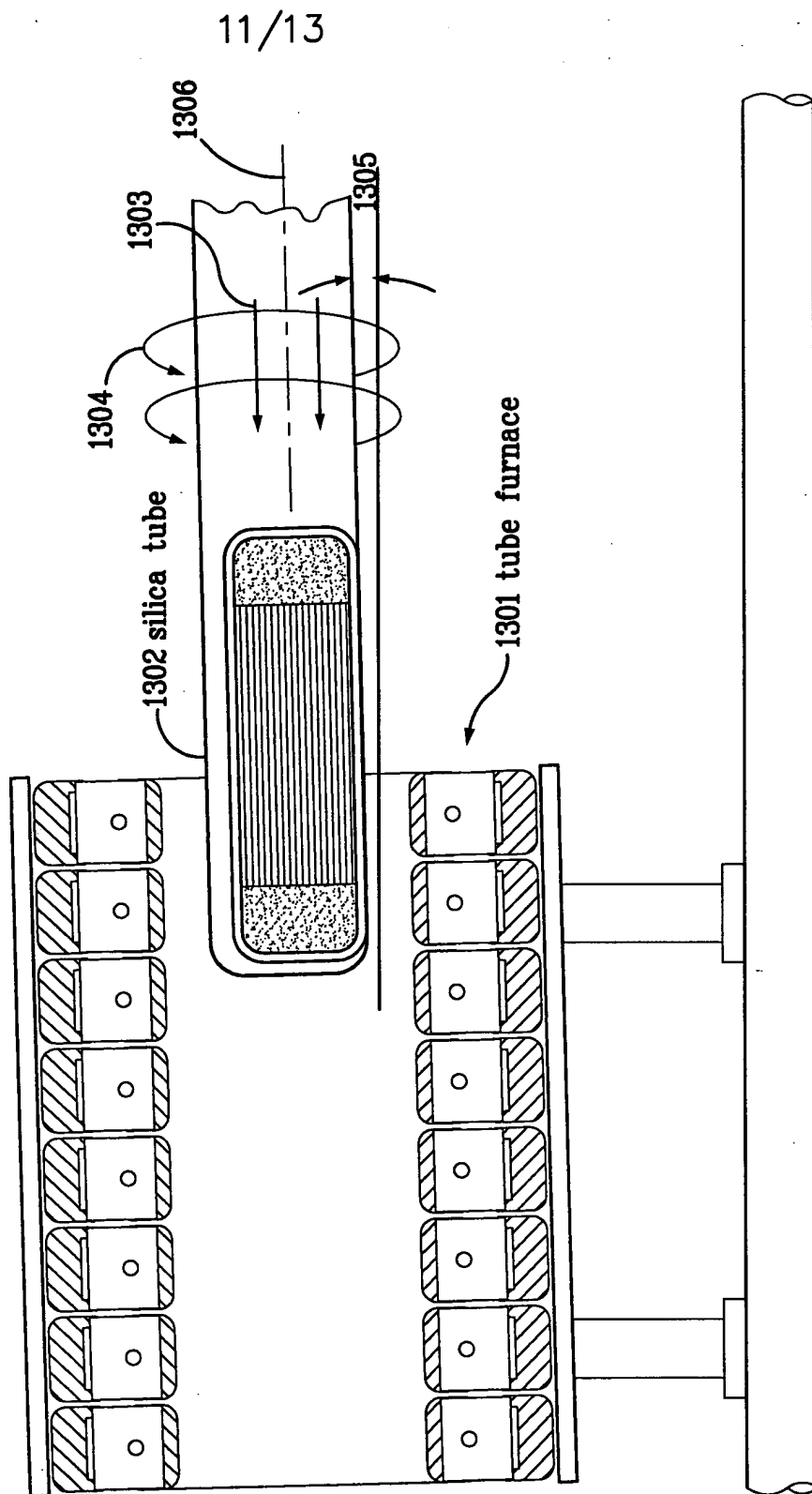
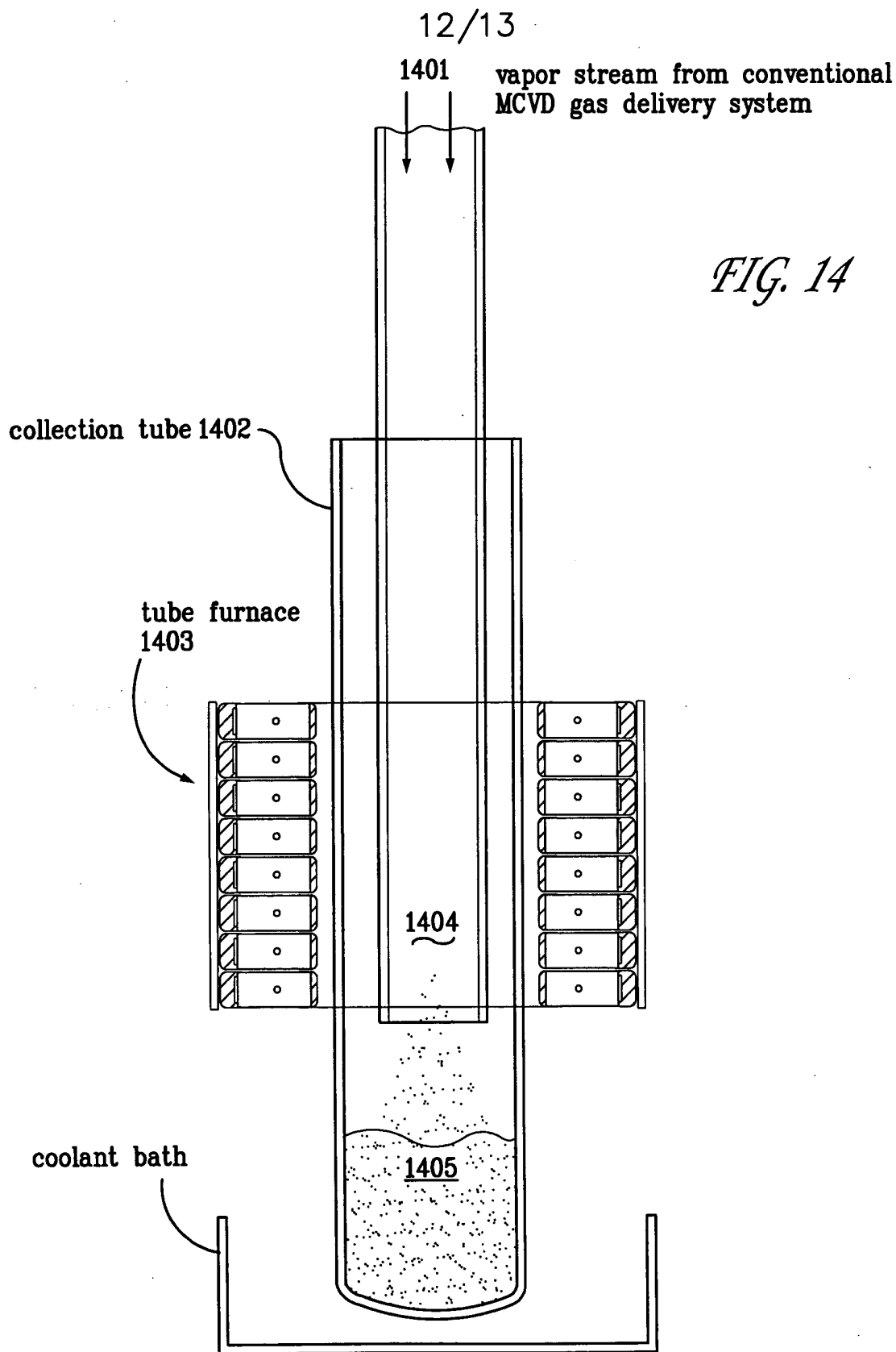


FIG. 12

FIG. 13





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FIG. 15

